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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:CISCO TWO: PLF TO RELEASE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL

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1) ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM PLF RE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL CONTRASTS WITH DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE HAD IN ELICITING ANY REPORTS FROM ELF ON MICHALKE AND WITH GOS VIEW REFTTEL THAT IT NOT OPPORTUNE EVEN TO TRY TO TRANSMIT PACKAGES TO ELF FOR MICHALKE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING GOS VIEWS REGARDING LIKELY EFFECT OF PLF RELEASE ON ELF INTENTIONS RE MICHALKE AND REGARDING FURTHER STEPS WHICH WE MIGHT TAKE TO HASTEN MICHALKE'S
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RELEASE.

2) WE KNOW THAT EMBASSY HAS KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GOS ON MICHALKE CASE AND WE ASSUME THAT GOS IS DOING WHAT IT CAN ALSO TO OBTAIN MICHALKE RELEASE. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY, AT ITS DISCRETION, SHOULD DISCUSS MICHALKE CASE WITH GOS ALONG ABOVE LINES, POINTING OUT, OF COURSE, THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE THE GOS CAN GIVE US IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF THE LAST OF THE KIDNAPPED AMERICANS; WHICH FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE WOULD HOPE CAN TAKE PLACE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO RELEASE OF CISCO II. KISSINGER

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